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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

S. 2, Special Branch

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S. B. REPLY
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Subject (in full) Periodical Service Corporation advertising for salesgirls.

Made by D.S.I. Duncan

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The local branch of the Periodical Service Corporation, Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A., was established in Shanghai by a German named Karl August Maier, aged 25, who arrived here from Manila via Hongkong by the S.S. "Fulda" on March 17, 1934. He resides in a boarding house at 106 Peking Road from where he conducts his business. When interviewing prospective salesgirls Maier points out that he prefers girls who have regular employment elsewhere as the commission allowed on the sale of the periodicals is too small to be considered as a living wage. So far he has engaged some 10 Chinese salesgirls on a commission basis only. The commission allowed is shown in red figures on the attached card.

As far as can be ascertained Maier's business is a genuine one but in regard to his advertisement for two attractive salesgirls on a salary and commission basis it is believed that his motive was not entirely a business one, in fact to one girl who applied for work, he openly hinted that it might be possible to combine pleasure with business.

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